

WOODRUFF TRIES TO PLEASE BOTH SIDES.

He Must Do It or Lose the
Chance of Becoming Lieu-
tenant-Governor.

Tim, by the Way, is Becoming
Quite an Astute Politician,
and All Swear by Him.

CLARK'S POSITION ON THE FENCE.

Regular Democrats Believe That a Presi-
dential Year Will Give Them a Great
Advantage Over the Shep-
ard Organization.

Clark Commissioner Timothy L. Woodruff, of Brooklyn, may not have had so much experience in politics as the old-timers of the Gowanus Canal district; he may be handicapped in some ways by the fact that he wears a dress suit every evening after 6 o'clock; he is probably not so wily as Willis, nor such a good wire-puller as Worth or Wurster, but he has learned the art of keeping solid with all factions, and that is one of the best accomplishments of a politician. What is more, the Commissioner expects to realize on his diplomacy by being nominated and elected Lieutenant-Governor. To get this plum he is endeavoring to keep in harmony with the warring Republican factions in Kings County, and he has so far had success that is remarkable.

Mr. Woodruff's hour of trial is coming, however. When the Spring opens he will have the appointment of many laborers in the parks, and he will have something to do with the patronage connected with the shore driveway, and the new return bicycle path to Coney Island. The patronage will be a power in his hands, of course, but it will be a dangerous thing to handle, too, for Worth and Willis must both be kept in good humor, and they are hard to satisfy. If Woodruff should fail to meet the demands of either, he would be able to have the backing of the solid Kings County delegation for the Lieutenant-Governorship, and without such backing his chances would be slim. Under the circumstances it is not at all unusual that he is pleased because the Spring, with its patronage, is slow in making its appearance.

A GOOD FELLOW, SAYS BUTTLING.
Because he was appointed by Mayor Wurster, Mr. Woodruff is regarded as a Willis-Wurster man, but the evidence that he is not a dyed-in-the-wool factionalist is found in the fact that he is supported in his candidacy for Lieutenant-Governor by Sheriff Buttlings, who swears by Worth and at Willis and Wurster.

"Woodruff is a good fellow," said the sheriff, "even if he does wear a dress suit and dance at the Rhetongas. He would make a good Lieutenant-Governor, and I hope he will get there. The thing is, he is not from last to last by the Worth people, but I'm afraid the other fellows will knife him, because they are jealous of him. Brooklyn ought to get the Lieutenant-Governorship and Woodruff is the man for it. I'm shooting for him, and I tell the fellows I think he is the best man that has not yet got down to wearing a pink shirt."

On the theory that if the Republican nominee for Governor comes from the Western part of the State, the candidate for second place will be a Westerner. Brooklynites who favor the nomination of Woodruff are against the candidacy of Speaker "Ham" Fish. They do not look upon him with favor either, because he was active in pushing the Greater New York bill, and they think he is a knave who has not yet got down to wearing a pink shirt.

A new suggestion has been made with regard to the pending Charities bill. It is that the appointment of a Commissioner should be made by the Board of Aldermen instead of the Mayor. As the matter now stands, the majority in the Legislature are in the position of being against their own measure. This is due to their failure to find out exactly where Wurster is at. When the Cities Committee of the Assembly reported in favor of the law making the Charities Department a single-headed one, with the power of appointment in the

hands of the Mayor, Mr. Platt thought he had Mr. Wurster well in hand.

PLATT DOUBTFUL ABOUT WURSTER.
Subsequent developments have killed the Toga chieftain's mind with doubt, and the Charities bill is accordingly on a Legislative book. If it is amended to place the power of appointment in the hands of some other power than the Mayor, Wurster will send it back with his veto, and if the power of appointment is given to him he and Willis will have more spoils to divide. In the emergency it is suggested that there be a compromise by giving to the Board of Estimate, of which the Mayor is a member, the right of appointment.

The other members of the Board are Comptroller Palmer, Auditor Sutton, County Treasurer Taylor and President Clark, of the Board of Aldermen. Clark is a Wurster man, Palmer and Taylor would vote the other way, and Clark is an advocate of power and an on-the-fence. If the Board had the appointment of a Charities Commissioner he would hold a balance of power and this might attract attention to his position, due to the bill in the Legislature to increase his salary from \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year. Clark is a hanging fire, and the chances are that Mr. Clark will not get it through unless he sends Platt that he is with him. On the other hand he must keep Mayor Wurster in good humor, for, if he does not and the bill is passed, it may go back to Albany from Brooklyn with "veto" marked on it. Some people think that in the emergency Clark should go on a sea voyage for his health, but he is a politician and he is calmly receiving the sympathy of his friends.

Some Brooklyn Democrats are noted for liking a fight, but that there can be too much of anything is evident from the fact that the Democratic General Committee, consisting of 625 members, is required to wash the dirty linen of all the ward organizations. "Little scraps" that should scarcely receive consideration are the subject of an hour's debate, and bad blood is engendered at every committee meeting. While the reason given for the committee appointed at the meeting on Tuesday night to suggest a change. This committee will propose a plan for some tribunal to settle ward difficulties.

SHEPARDITES STILL HOPEFUL.
The big fight in the ranks of the party on account of the Shepard organization's independence is still on, however, and the Shepard meeting on Thursday night indicated that there is little chance for compromise. It is understood that the regulars, by taking steps to strengthen their organization, are preparing to battle with the so-called reformers, and expect to gain an advantage because of the Presidential election. The Shepardites are expected to put up some candidates for Assembly and possibly for Congress, but because of a national ticket the regulars count on few Democrats going with the Shepardites. They think also that by the use of the important local offices to be filled their rivals will have been lost sight of. Of course, the Shepardites take a long view of the future, but their small meeting at the Athenaeum on Thursday night was not productive of much.

Next to excise and Greater New York, the most talked-of subject in political circles is Mayor Wurster's juggling with civil service. The plan of abolishing offices and the service regulations and creating others not so handicapped had been thought of and probably tried before Wurster was elected, but he was the first Mayor to carry out the scheme on a scale that would depopulate a town were the inhabitants exiled as fast as Brooklyn Democrats have been turned out of office. Democratic meter inspectors have given way to Republican special water detectors, street laborers have been given titles, to make the distribution of patronage possible, and the next thing looked for is the abolition of the position of elevator master. Make way for the appointment of Republican "lift professors" in the Police building. Renewed interest has been given to the evasion of the civil service rules by the attack on the Mayor in Harper's Weekly. In answer to this Mayor Wurster said:

"Neither I nor Commissioner Willis has in any way violated or evaded the civil service rules. It is true that the Commissioner dropped about one hundred men, nearly all of whom were Democrats, but that is because they were few Republicans in the department. The dropping of the men was for the good of the service, and where it has been found necessary some of the men have been restored, irrespective of their politics, to their old places. Where appointments were made without being taken from the eligible list, it was because there was no eligible list. As soon as a list is prepared the temporary employees will be dropped and civil service men will be taken in their places. The fact that there are no eligible lists for certain positions is not the fault of the City's Commissioner, and he cannot be blamed for not making city work until such lists are prepared."

This explanation of the Mayor sounds very nicely, but it is argued that if he were very zealous for civil service he could see

that eligible lists were prepared. The trouble, it is claimed, is that he is letting Willis run the police and of the administration, and Willis is not diplomatic. He is a good originator of political plans, but he fails at carrying them out, and as a result he is bringing criticism on the administration.

SCHIEREN FOR A CABINET POSITION.
That ex-Mayor Schieren has not been forgotten in private life is evident from the suggestion by some of his friends that he would be a good man for the proposed new Cabinet position of Secretary of Commerce and Manufactures. The ex-Mayor's old friend, William Berli, is credited with having made the suggestion, but politicians, as a rule, think that he has about as good a chance as Uncle Dan Bradley of getting into the Cabinet. It is argued by the zealous friends of Mr. Schieren, however, that in the event of Republican success next Fall and of the new portfolio being created, Brooklyn should be honored, because it is a city of commerce and manufacture. Mr. Schieren is fitted by business training for the position, and he is well

backed by friends to keep his name at the front.

It is reported that the Republican national leaders have their eyes on Brooklyn affairs and that attempts will be made to bring the warring Worth and Wurster factions to terms before election day. It has been proven in the past that the Kings County vote is very elastic, and liable to go by a big majority either one way of the other. Presidential elections have been decided in the past by it, and the national party leaders are expected to urge harmony; and if coaxing doesn't have the effect they may try making threats with vague references to Federal patronage. Not only is the vote important in the Presidential contest, but a number of the Congressional districts are in doubt.

Property Owners Anxious.
Gravesend avenue property owners in Brooklyn are much interested in the Albany measure regulating railroads on that thoroughfare. They claim that the tracks of the old Culver road, which rise above the grade of the street, make it useless to the public.

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